

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 27, 32-38 and 47-50, and new Claims 53-62 are pending. Claims 47-50 have been amended for clarity. Support for the amendment is found at the top of page 9 of the specification. New dependent Claims 53-57 find support on page 11, first paragraph, of the specification; new dependent Claims 58-62 find support in the last paragraph on page 10 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

Rejection—Double Patenting

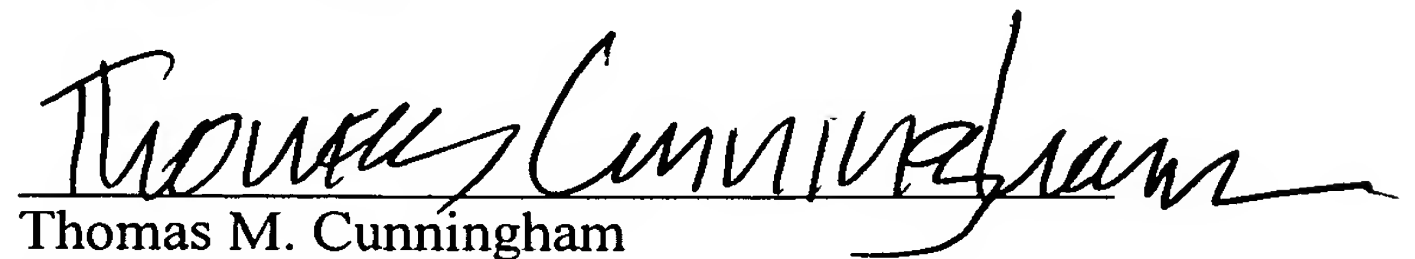
Claim 27 was rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1, 16 and 24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,613,564. This rejection is moot in view of the attached terminal disclaimer.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above terminal disclaimer, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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